



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Examiner: Sandra M. Nolan

Pamela A. Kramer

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OF MEDICAL DEVICES

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Nolan:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed on August 6, 2004, which had a shortened statutory time to reply that ends on November 6, 2004.

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